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FOR DEPUTY UNDERSECRETARY READ FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: OVIP (READ, BEN H.)
SUBJECT: TRAVEL TO CAIRO

REF: STATE 123088

1. WELCOME YOUR VISIT TO CAIRO. MERIDIEN RESERVATIONS HAVE BEEN REQUESTED AND WILL BE CONFIRMED WHEN RESERVATIONS MANAGER RETURNS TO DUTY MONDAY. HIS ASSISTANT HAS CONFIRMED THE 26TH AND ONE OF THE EARLIER DAYS, BUT DID NOT HAVE AUTHORITY TO CLEAR THE OTHER TWO DAYS. TRAIN RESERVATIONS CANNOT BE FIRMED EARLIER THAN ONE WEEK BEFORE THE TRIP, BUT WE FORESEE NO PROBLEM ON EITHER TRAIN OR HOTEL. WILL ADVISE FURTHER.

2. BEARING IN MIND THAT FRIDAY IS THE HOLY DAY AND THE MUSEUM AND SOME OTHER SIGHTSEEING LOCATIONS ARE CLOSED, YOU MAY WISH TO CONSIDER CONCENTRATING THE BRIEFINGS AND MEETINGS ON FRIDAY, LEAVING THURSDAY AND SATURDAY FREE. FOLLOWING SCHEDULE PROPOSED FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION:

FRIDAY, JUNE 23:

0830 - ATTEND WEEKLY EXPANDED COUNTRY TEAM MEETING (ALL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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- STATE PERSONNEL EXCEPT THOSE ON DUTY-SHIFTS AND
- HEADS AND/OR STAFF MEMBERS OF OTHER USG AGENCIES
- ATTEND THIS MEETING).

1000 - FBO BRIEFING AND VISIT TO SITES.

1200 - LUNCH.

1330 - MEETING WITH SPOUSES (SEE BELOW).

1500 - MEETING WITH AFSA CHAPTER.

3. RE FAMILY LIAISON GROUP, WE ARE STILL AWAITING INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE DEPARTMENT ON WHEN AND HOW WE CAN ESTABLISH THE FLO FUNCTION HERE. CAIRO 14476 REPORTED" THE VIEWS OF OUR STAFF ON THE NEED FOR AN FLO OFFICE HERE, AND CAIRO 22054 GAVE THE DETAILS OF OUR PROPOSED DESCRIPTION OF FUNCTIONS AND DUTIES OF AN FLO OFFICER. SUBSEQUENTLY, WE WERE TOLD THAT WE SHOULD TAKE NO FURTHER ACTION TO ESTABLISH THE FUNCTION AND WOULD RECEIVE WORD FROM THE DEPARTMENT ON THE POSITION AUTHORIZATION AND THE SCOPE OF DUTIES OF SUCH POSITIONS ABROAD. WE ARE STILL AWAITING THOSE INSTRUCTIONS. UNLESS THOSE INSTRUCTIONS ARE SOON TO BE ISSUED, ANOTHER MEETING ON THE GENERAL TOPIC WOULD BE OF MARGINAL UTILITY TO THE STAFF HERE AND WOULD RAISE SQUARELY THE QUESTION OF WHY WE HAVE NOT YET BEEN AUTHORIZED TO PROCEED. I WOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR YOUR FURTHER ADVICE ON WHERE WE STAND ON FLO.

4. WILL DEVELOP A PLAN FOR THURSDAY AND SATURDAY TO INSURE YOUR SEEING AS MUCH AS THE TIME WILL PERMIT. THE DAYS ARE WARM TO HOT NOW AND WASH AND WEAR-TYPE CLOTHES ARE MOST APPROPRIATE FOR DAY-TIME USE. EVENINGS ARE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PLEASANT. LIGHT-WEIGHT JACKET IS COMFORTABLE. MRS. READ MIGHT PACK A LIGHT SHAWL FOR THE EVENING. HELEN AND I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU. BEST REGARDS. EILTS

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